

REMARKS

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

In response to the request for information under 37 CFR 1.105, the applicant submits with this response an additional information disclosure statement.

Amended and New Claims

In addition to submitting the requested information, certain claims have been amended and added to this application. Claims 70-72, 74, and 77 are amended, and claims 73, 75-76, and 78-80 are canceled. The claim amendments are minimal, and are intended to slightly broaden the prior versions of the claims. Because all of the prior claims have been either canceled or amended, the previously-submitted Rule 131 declaration is hereby withdrawn.

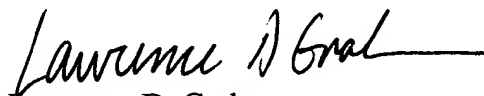
Claims 81-109 are new in this amendment. A new Rule 131 declaration directed to the amended and new claims is submitted with this response, and antedates the Fujimoto reference.

CONCLUSION

Applicant requests consideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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